

Hon. Indira Naidoo-Harris  
Minister of the Status of Women  
Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care  
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Re: Stable Funding for True Self DEBWEWENDIZWIN

Dear Hon Minister

On behalf of CFUW North Bay, we would like to bring to your attention the need for stable funding for an excellent program for Employment and Training delivered by True Self North Bay.

The True Self Program is a unique non-residential program that provides access to an array of services for victims of domestic violence. Their open-door policy and holistic approach allows them to serve all women in need, including those who have been unable to find assistance anywhere else in the community.

True Self's goal is to provide streamlined access to services that promote the safety, self-sufficiency and well-being of domestic violence survivors and their families by fostering a structured collaborative community response in one central location.

True Self which has open doors to everyone is now ten years old and has a record of successes. However, funding for this local Employment and Training Centre has been cut in half for programming.

The program has been called a leader in the community, but now needs help to continue in the effort to bridge the gap between the skills required by employers and by those seeking employment.

CFUW North Bay urges you to support this community Employment and Training Centre to receive stable funding in their efforts to support the training sessions and workshops that will assist women to develop knowledge, skills and abilities in order to increase their employment and income earning potential.

CFUW North Bay is composed of 61 members. We are non-partisan, nonsectarian, a voluntary, self-funded, non-governmental organization. Our members are active in public affairs, advocating on public education, justice, health and environmental issues as well as the status of women and human

rights, CFUW North Bay is one of 54 clubs in CFUW Ontario Council and a member in over 100 clubs in national organization Canadian Federation of University Women.

Sincerely

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